## BALTIMORE CITY - COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3948

AREA: Barclay vicinity MAGI NO.: 0439485604

ADDRESS: 2519 Barclay Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK:

LOT:

HEIGHT: 3

CONDITION: Fair

USE: Vacant dwelling

DESIGNATION:

LOT SIZE:

MATERIALS: Brick

OWNER: ADDRESS:

ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted

LIBER/FOLIO:



HISTORIC NAME: DATE: Ca. 1890

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

This three-story brick building is the northern half of a double house with a central gable peak which was built about 1890 on the east side of Barclay Street just south of East 26th Street in north central Baltimore, Maryland. The facade mirrors the southern half at 2517 Barclay in the two-bay configuration, but 2517 has a one-story shed porch with chamfered posts, which has been removed from 2519. The entrance is in the north bay and has a plain rectangular transom with a single vertical muntin. The door has a glazed upper panel and is covered by an aluminum screen door. The first and second story windows have flat arches and wood sills. The sash is four over four. The third story has smaller square windows with two over two sash. The cornice has fluted scroll brackets and stands above the actual flat sloping roof. The north elevation has a second entrance near the center of the wall, flanked by a single window and a four over two window is located on the second story above the doorway. The outline of a demolished one-story side addition or porch extension is visible on the north wall. A shed addition extends from the rear of the house.

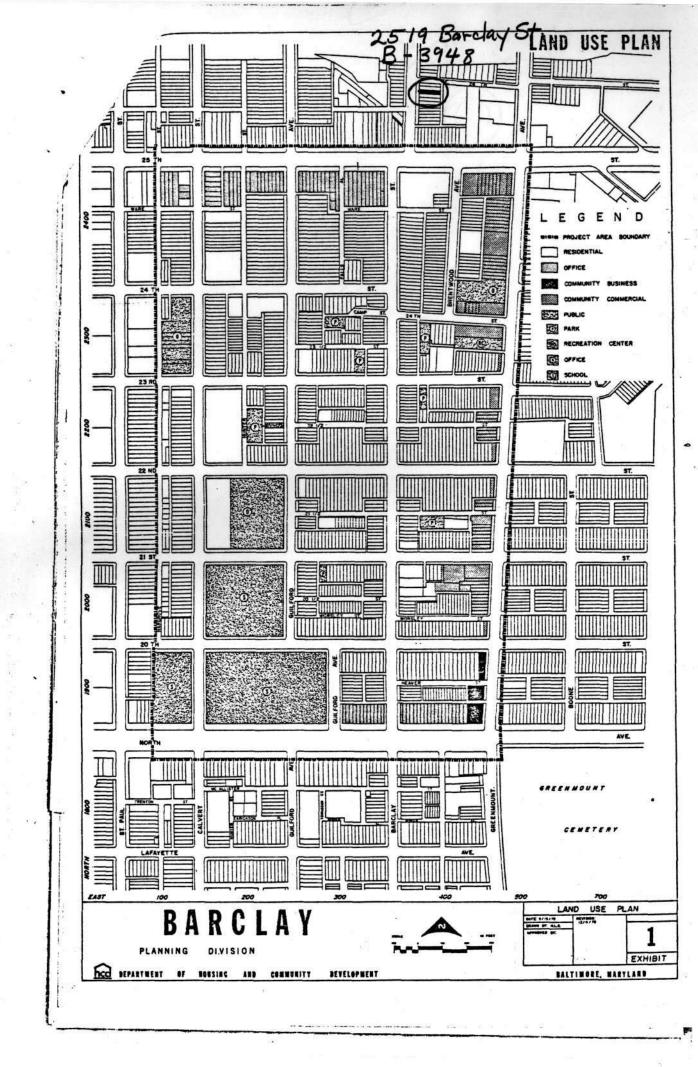
## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

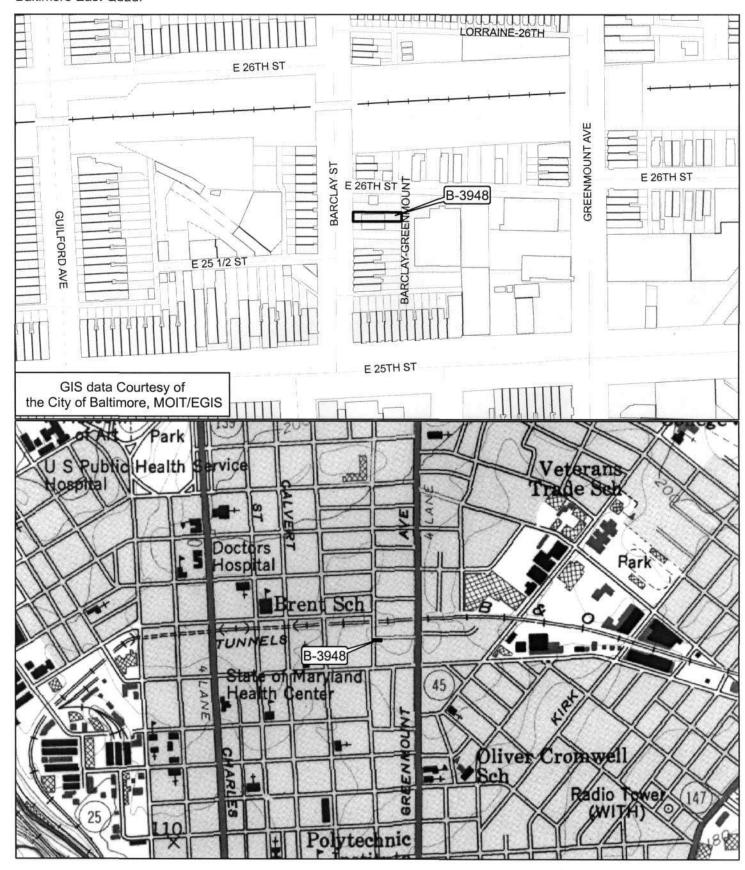
LEVEL: Loca1

The double house at 2517-1519 Barclay Street is a contributing structure in an undefined potential historic district of late 19th and early 20th century buildings including rowhouses, semi-detached, and free-standing buildings. The area around 2519 Barclay was developed from farmland estates after the Baltimore City boundary was shifted northward from North Avenue in 1888 to include Waverly and Peabody Heights (now Charles Village). The row of double houses on the east side of the 2500 block of Barclay Street appears on the 1896 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore City. The peaked gable is a feature suggesting both urban sophistication and traditional vernacular architecture. In rural areas, the bracketed central gable was found on frame, brick, and stone buildings throughout the late 19th century. In Baltimore, the central gable generally reached its zenith about 1860-1870. After 1870, the flat cornice with varying degrees of decoration was the most common in rowhouse design, although isolated later gables similar to that of 2519 Barclay may be found. It is perhaps indicative of the freedom in borrowing traditional features for new houses which became more common at the end of the 19th century.

SOURCES: Bromley's Atlas (1896); Topo Survey Comm. Map (1914) SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, December 1986



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West elevation